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# Region 10 Tribal Newsletter



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## Work Shops and Conferences

**September 10-12, Water Quality and Pesticides Management Workshop, Couer d'Alene, ID.** For information: Lillian Wilmore 617/232-5742.

**October 20-23, 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Northwest Pollution Conference, Yakima WA.** Info 503/579-1472

**November 4-7, Region 10 Tribal Leader Conference, Lincoln City, OR.** Chinook Winds Casino. For information: Tami 541/444-8227, Tom 541/444-8226, or Mike 541/444-8232.

**November 6-10, American Indian Science and Engineering Society Conference, Tulsa OK.** For additional information: 505/765-1052 or <http://aises.org>

**Coming this Fall 2002, A 5-day training course on Sustainability for Tribal Lands. Free.** For additional information watch this newsletter or <http://www.hud.gov/local/chi/chienv2.html>

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### **Electronic Funds Transfer**

Those of you receiving grant assistance payments via EFT, directly to your bank, may arrange with the U. S. Treasury to send you e-mail notification every time a federal deposit is made in your account. The Treasury has created an internet service entitled PAID (Payment Advice Internet Delivery) to provide timely notification of payments to you, with no need for you to make inquiries with your bank or with EPA. There is no cost to you for using PAID.

Here's how to use PAID: First, you

must be enrolled in EFT. If your organization is not already using EFT, please contact Paul Steele at the phone number or address below.

You will be asked to supply your banking information (name and address, routing identifier, and account number), and sample signatures of those within your organization who are authorized to request payments from your grant(s). You will find that EFT is faster and easier for you to use than the manual check payment process, and there is no risk of a lost or mis-routed Treasury payment.

Then, once enrolled in EFT, visit the PAID site on the web:

<http://www.fms.treas.gov/paid>. Follow the prompts to enroll on-line. [Note: "TIN", Taxpayer Identification Number, is usually the same as "EIN", Employer Identification Number.]

And that's it! You will receive an e-mail message informing you of a deposit into your account, normally 2 to 3 business days after you FAX the payment request to the Seattle EPA office.

For more information, or for answers

to other questions, please call or e-mail: Paul Steele

[steele.paul@epa.gov](mailto:steele.paul@epa.gov) or 206/553-0311

### **Tribal Water Systems**

EPA Region 10 has made grants to the small Utilities Service corporation (SUSC) in Albany, Oregon to provide a wide range of training, onsite technical assistance, operator certification training and other services to small drinking water systems located on Indian Lands in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. SUSC will contract with Arasmith Consulting Resources, Inc, (ACR) to provide these services.

EPA's grants to SUSC includes a provision to develop a website, <http://www.susc.org> where you can find information on the full range of assistance available to you from SUSC/ACR, including training schedules, information that may be downloaded to help you with

your own water and wastewater systems. This websuite will also provide an opportunity for other service providers to add their own links to webpages describing the assistance they can offer.

Service providers such as the Indian Health Service, RCAC, Evergreen Rural Water, USDA, and others will be invited to post their own schedules and offerings on this central information website to facilitate accessing these services.

Inquiries about this program should be directed to Michael J. Adams, President of SUSC at 541/367-6243. Request for technical assistance should be directed to ACR at 541/928-5211.

ACR is currently sampling for arsenic at all EPA-regulated drinking water systems in R10 to help these systems determine if they will be affected by the new Arsenic rule and arsenic standard in drinking water. The first training opportunity will be October 1-3 at the Inn at Otter Crest, near Newport, Oregon. Interested participants should log on to <http://www.susc.org>

If you have questions or comments on EPA's support for this program and efforts to coordinate with other service providers in the area, please call Craig L. Paulsen at 206/553-4350

### Software for Wastewater

A new software program known as the Vulnerability Self-Assessment Software Tool (VSAT™) is now available for public wastewater utilities.

Funded by the EPA and developed by the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) in collaboration with the Pennsylvania Consulting Group and SCIENTECH, Inc., this tool can help wastewater utilities analyze how vulnerable they are to both intentional threats and

natural disasters.

VSAT™ organizes data, supports vulnerability analyses, documents the analyses, and presents complex information in an easy-to-understand format for the full suite of potential utility assets including physical plant, employees, knowledge base, information technology, and customers.

The software tool includes reference libraries of both potential threats and counter-measures and provides a method for managing the information generated by security vulnerability assessments.

The software is available free of charge to all public wastewater utilities. VSAT™ training opportunities are slated to begin in August 2002. Visit AMSA at <http://www.susc.org/about/about.cfm> for more information or to request a copy of the VSAT™ wastewater software.

For technical assistance regarding this software, call 888/340-8830 or [www.VSATusers.net](http://www.VSATusers.net).

### Emergency Training

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is providing training for tribal members who have emergency management responsibilities. FEMA developed this course to focus on why emergency management is needed; basic elements of an emergency operations plan; and considerations for developing or enhancing an emergency management program. The course includes many activities that help participants build a framework for an emergency operations plan for their community. The course is offered on August 12-16, 2002 at FEMA's Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The course will also be offered on March 17-21, 2003 and August 4-8, 2003. All instructions, course materials and housing are provided at no cost. FEMA will also reimburse participants

for a 21-day prepurchased, nonrefundable ticket for round-trip transportation by common carrier. Participants must purchase an on-campus meal ticket for \$80.00 a week that includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and morning/afternoon breaks. For further information concerning the admissions process, contact the National Emergency Training Center (NETC) admissions office at 301/447-1035, or Linda Straka at 301/447-1162.

### Tribal Science Council

: Consistent with the EPA Indian Policy and trust responsibility, the mission of the Tribal Science Council is to provide a forum for interaction between tribal and Agency representatives to work collaboratively on environmental scientific issues. The Council will also address a wide range of scientific issues including research, monitoring, modeling, information, technology, and training in Indian Country. It will develop a better understanding of the priority science issues of tribes from across the nation, and the Agency's ability to address these issues and consider them as part of its formal scientific issues. The relationship between the tribes and EPA in the Tribal Science Council will not substitute for, but rather augment, the government-to-government relationship between EPA and tribal governments. For more information contact Bobby Smith, 415/972-3735 or Kesner Flores at 530/473-3318 or [corwepa@hotmail.com](mailto:corwepa@hotmail.com).

### Exchange Network Grants

On August 8, 2002, EPA Administrator Christie Whitman announced \$25 million in environmental information grants to 44 states, 17 tribes and 1 U.S. territory to work with EPA in developing the National Environmental Information Exchange Network. This announcement is also an important step in the President's E-Government Initiative, which uses Internet technology to improve the delivery of government services to citizens, streamline businesses' paperwork and increase cooperation among federal, state and local authorities. The environmental information grants announced will fund this important work by states and other participants. Completion of this network will simplify reporting by industry and greatly improve the quantity and quality of the environmental information EPA provides to U.S. citizens. Four Tribes from Region 10 were awarded these grants - Tulalip, Warm Springs, Tlingit/Haida, & Tanana Chiefs Conference.

For more information and to see a listing of grant recipients, visit:

[http://www.epa.gov/epahome/headline\\_080802.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/headline_080802.htm)

*About 70% of the world is covered by water, but only 1% is drinkable.*

### Wastewater Guidance

EPA's Office of Water has issued its Onsite Wastewater Treatment systems Manual (EPA-625-R-00-008);

<http://www.epa.gov/ORD/NRMRL/Pubs/625R00008/625R00008.htm>,

while the Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) is finalizing *Guidelines for Management of Onsite Decentralized Wastewater Systems*:

<http://www.epa.gov/owmitnet/decent>

[download/guidelines.pdf](#).

### Summer Tips

Hot Tips For a Cool Summer:

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/hi-summer.htm> Here are some tips to help you and your family find ways to help reduce pollution and learn about the environment. Doing little things can go a long way to having a cool summer. Each of us doing a little bit adds up to a lot! Take a look at the fun things kids can do and learn about the environment, too!

- ① Protect Yourself from the Sun
- ② Air Quality and How You Can Help; How Good is Your Air?; Travel and Commuting
- ③ On the Water: Conserving and Protecting Our Water Resources
- ④ In Your Garden; Lawn and Garden; Using Pesticides Safely
- ⑤ In and Around the House
- 6 Resources For Kids and Students

### Public Docket System

EPA has a new electronic public docket comment system. The system is designed to greatly expand access to EPA's public dockets, and facilitate the submission of public comments to EPA, providing a level of online access to EPA's programs and rule making processes.

More information is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm> or by contacting Shivani Desai at 202/566-1647.

### EMS

The Office of Water at the EPA has selected eight organizations around the country to become Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Local Resource Centers. These Centers will help local agencies adopt EMS to improve their overall environmental performance and compliance and meet environmental goals. For more:

<http://www.peercent.net>

### EPA Environmental Goals

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Water has announced that eight organizations from across the nation will serve as Environmental Management Systems (EMS) Local Resources Centers where local governments can go to make their operations more environmentally friendly.

"What this means is local communities can treat their wastewater more effectively and efficiently and reduce costs to taxpayers," said G.Tracy Mehan, assistant administrator for water. "EMS is a powerful management tool that in the end helps local citizens enjoy a cleaner, healthier environment."

Environmental Management Systems Resource Centers are located at: Purdue University 765/463-4749 - University of Wisconsin Stout, 715/232-5023. - University of Florida 352/392-9570 - Georgia Institute of Technology, 404/894-0968 - University of Massachusetts 978/934-2635 - Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division, 512/239-5318 - Virginia Tech University, 540/853-8276 The Zero Waste Alliance One World Trade Center, 503-279-9383.

For info:

<http://www.epa.gov/ems/> or <http://www.peercenter.net/>

### Correction to the August Newsletter:

Alan Moomaw is of Walla Walla/Okanogan and Assiniboin/Dakota descent, tribal member with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian

Reservation, but born & raised in Omak, WA (Colville Indian Reservation).

### Stormwater Runoff

A prepublication version of proposed EPA regulations designed to control stormwater runoff from construction sites is posted on the EPA Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/guide/construction>. A fact sheet summarizing the proposal and other related documents are available on the same site. A 120 day public comment period will commence once the proposal is published in the *Federal Register*.

### Watershed Web Site

EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watershed recently updated and expanded its Watershed Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed>. The refurbished site includes new information on watershed projects and regulations, related agency publications and links to other watershed-related sites.

### Grants Coastal Resource

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center is soliciting proposals on applications of remotely sensed coastal spatial data to solve a coastal resource management issue. The proposals are for a 2-year cooperative agreement under which the Center and the grant recipient will apply data acquired from remote sensing imagery to the identified issue. Applications are due October 4, 2002. For more: <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cms/baa.html>

### Habitat Protection Projects

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center is soliciting proposals for a one- to two-year

cooperative agreement for technical projects related to one of the Center's main theme areas: smart coastal growth, habitat protection and management, coastal hazards, or Coastal National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). Applications are due October 4, 2002. For more: <http://www.csc.noaa.gov/cms/baa.html>

### Wetland Conservation Grants

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North American Wetlands Conservation Council are currently accepting proposals that request matching funding for wetland conservation projects that meet the purposes of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) of 1989. Grant requests may be for no more than \$50,000 and applications are due November 29, 2002. For more: <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov/NAWCA/USsmallgrants.html>

### Global Warming Legislation

Governor Gray Davis of California signed the first legislation in the nation aimed at combating global warming. The law requires the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to develop maximum carbon dioxide pollution standards for vehicles in model year 2009 and beyond. The law will also establish a "Climate Action Registry," through which companies can bank credits for emission reductions achieved before 2009. For more: <http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming>

### Environmental Summit

The Environmental Performance Institute, along with other organizations, is sponsoring the Environmental Innovations Summit on September 18-20, 2002 at the Crystal City Hilton in Arlington, VA. This event will bring together corporate leaders, environmental stakeholders, and government officials to discuss key

issues and the latest innovations in environmental management. For more: [www.performanceweb.org/pdf/E123%final.pdf](http://www.performanceweb.org/pdf/E123%final.pdf)

### Traffic Signals

Portland, Oregon retrofitted its traffic signals with energy-efficient light-emitting diodes (LEDs) last year. The city replaced almost all the red and green incandescent lights (over 13,300) with the LED signals in three months. The project resulted in major energy and maintenance savings for the city.

### EPA Amends Transportation

EPA is finalizing two changes to its transportation conformity rule to provide state and local governments with additional time in the transportation conformity process. The first change incorporates into the conformity rule a minor amendment to the Clean Air Act (CAA), that gives newly-designated nonattainment areas a one-year grace period before conformity applies. The second change will help areas implement conformity in a practicable manner, ensuring that state and local governments will have sufficient time to complete the conformity process when a new air quality plan with a motor vehicle emissions budget is submitted. For information: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/traqconf.htm>

### Funds for Brownfields

The Northeast Midwest Institute (NEMW) has published a report entitled Using the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) for Brownfields and USTfields. The report looks at

linking brownfields and USTfields (underground storage tank fields) with water quality, using the CWSRF loans for brownfields and USTfields, and case studies from different states that have used the loans for this purpose. For info:

<http://www.nemw.org/CleanWaterBF.pdf>

### **Farmland Preservation**

American Farmland Trust (AFT) and the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) have produced a report called "Town Meets Country: Farm-City Forums on Land and Community," a joint project addressing the issue of sprawl. The report is based on a series of farm-city forums held by AFT and the USCM to encourage urban, suburban and rural leaders to work together for smart growth. For info:

<http://www.farmland.org>

### **Conservation Funding**

The Environmental Law Institute and the Smart Growth Network have teamed together to produce "Smart Links: Turning Conservation Dollars into Smart Growth Opportunities." The report addresses the need for improvement of the effectiveness of federal, state, and local government conservation investments. The Smart Links concept links conservation funding with techniques to promote smart growth and compatible development. For info:

<http://www.eli.org/store/rr02smarlinks.html>

### **Smart Growth Workshop**

The National Center for Smart Growth Education and Research and the University of Maryland School of Public Affairs is sponsoring the "National Smart Growth Leadership Program," which will be held at the Bolger Center in Potomac, Maryland

on October 7 to October 11, 2002 and November 18 to November 22, 2002. The program is a unique learning opportunity designed for professionals facing the challenges of smart growth-related issues and implementation. For info:

<http://www.bolgercenter.com>

### **Environmental Publication**

LGEAN developed "A Primer for Local Governments on Environmental Liability" to raise awareness about local government environmental liability and provide information that can be used to develop a system-wide response to environmental risks. The primer contains information that forms the basis for a local government's assessment of their environmental risks and the formation of a program that prevents liabilities both now and into the future. For copies of the primer:

<http://www.lgean.org/documents/primer.pdf>

### **Blood Pressure**

Although many Americans develop high blood pressure as they get older, hypertension is not an inevitable part of aging, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. A 16 page fact sheet geared to people who are middle-aged or older, called "*Facts About Lowering Blood Pressure*," offers basic information about risk factors, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of hypertension. For more info: <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/hbp/index.html> or call

301/592-8573

### **ALASKA**

■The Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management scheduled for October 29-31, 2002, will be held in Anchorage. The Alaska Native Health Board, with support from Region 10 EPA, is hosting the annual tribal environmental conference at the

downtown Anchorage Marriott Hotel. For more information on the conference, including registration, etc., contact Nicholas Morgan at ANHB, 907/743-6111

■September 12 & 13, Alaska Funding Exchange GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP will cover the basics of how to construct a successful grant proposal, including hands-on exercises, and information on how grants are awarded and includes a copy of grantwriting workbook and ongoing technical assistance. Co-sponsored by APRN. Register at: [www.funding-exchange.org](http://www.funding-exchange.org) or for more information, contact Ellen Maling at 907/569-4233, FAX 907/569-4253 or [info@funding-exchange.org](mailto:info@funding-exchange.org).

### **OREGON**

■Another first for an Oregon Tribe! As a matter of fact, a first for any Tribe in the Nation. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have issued a 401 Certificate for the Pelton Round Butte Hydroelectric Project on the Deschutes River. A 401 Certificate is one of the necessary components in the process of relicensing a power generating facility. This hydroelectric project sits partly on the Tribes reservation and the impounded water also covers part of the reservation. In May of 1999, EPA approved an application, authorizing the Tribe to administer the Water Quality Standards (WQS) program pursuant to the Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 303(c) for waters within the Reservation and to conduct CWA, Section

401 certifications. Congratulations to the Tribe's Water Control Board and the Tribal Environmental Office of the Natural Resources Department.

### WASHINGTON

■ Colville Confederated Tribes: Former Tribal Chairwoman, Colleen Cawston, was appointed by Washington Governor Gary Locke to head the Washington Department of Social and Health Services Indian Policy and Support Services Office. The appointment (July 12, 2002) coincides with the restructuring of the DSHS Indian Policy and Support Services Office being elevated to a cabinet level position within DSHS.

■ The Washington State American Indian Endowed Scholarship Program has been renamed the Joe De La Cruz Memorial Scholarship Program. The Washington State Legislature, working with Washington Tribal Governments, Washington State University higher education lobbyists and others, created an endowed scholarship fund in the early 1990's to provide support for higher education for members of Washington State Tribes. The state legislature appropriates matching funds for the dollars raised by the endowment fund in creating the scholarship program. The late Joe De La Cruz was well known as a President of the Quinault Indian Nation for his service to tribal communities locally and

nationally.